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THE SAGA OF NOMI SUNRIDER

The time of Ulic Qel-Droma is remembered as an important turning point in the history of the Old Republic. It was a time when the dark side of the Force rose up with unexpected fury against the Galaxy...and nearly drove the Jedi Knights to extinction.

The names of the Jedi Knights who stood fast in those days still ring down through the ages. Their histories and legends are recorded in luminous detail in the crystalline recesses of the Jedi Holocron.

Another Jedi Warrior, whose skill in the art of Jedi Battle Meditation will never be forgotten, is Nomi Sunrider.

Journey with us now as the Jedi Holocron reveals the unusual path Nomi Sunrider followed to mastery of the Jedi Way.

THE JEDI KNIGHT ANDUR SUNRIDER PREPARES TO BEGIN A LONG JOURNEY WITH HIS FAMILY TO THE GALACTIC FRONTIER.

HIS PURPOSE IS TO VISIT THE LEGENDARY MASTER THON, JEDI WATCHMAN OF THE STENNESS SYSTEM.

MASTER ANDUR! I WAS RIGHT ABOUT THE HYPERDRIVE! IT WAS A BURNT-OUT ION EXCITER!

THANKS, THREEE. THERE'S A SPACE IN THE TOOL CAB. WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, YOU CAN HELP ME LOAD THE SUPPLIES.

I JUST KNEW THAT MAGNETIC STORM WE JUMPED THROUGH WOULD DAMAGE THE EXCITER.

MASTER ANDUR TAKES FAR TOO MANY CHANCES!

MY TEACHER GAVE ME THESE, NOMI-- ADEGAN CRYSTALS MAKE SOME OF THE BEST LIGHTSABERS. HE SAID MASTER THON WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE THEM.

I CAN FEEL THE CRYSTALS' POWER, ANDUR...SO CAN LITTLE VIMA. THEY WILL MAKE A WONDERFUL GIFT FOR YOUR NEW TEACHER.

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN YOU, NOMI. YOU COULD BE A JEDI.

YOU KNOW I'M TOO TIMID TO BE A JEDI...

BUT OUR DAUGHTER WILL BE A GREAT JEDI SOMEDAY...WITH MASTER THON AND YOU TEACHING HER.

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. AFTER MASTER THON INSTRUCTS ME IN THE HIGHER LEVELS OF THE JEDI WAY, I LOOK FORWARD TO TEACHING MY DAUGHTER--

"--BUT MARK MY WORDS... FIRST
I WILL HELP YOU BECOME A
JEDI, NOMI SUNRIDER!"

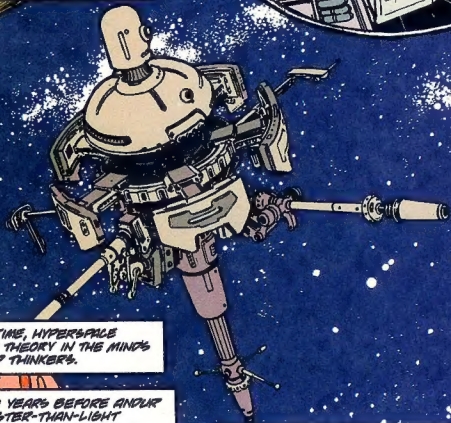


OHAY, THREEDEE--
THERE'S THE JUMP BEACON--
GET READY TO KICK IN THE
HYPERDRIVE.

THE HYPERDRIVE
TELLS ME IT'S READY,
MASTER ANDUR.



BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT OF
HYPERSPACE TRAVEL, STAR SYSTEMS
LIVED IN GREAT ISOLATION FROM
ONE ANOTHER. MILLIONS OF
CIVILIZATIONS ROSE AND FELL
WITHOUT EVER LEARNING OF EACH
OTHER'S EXISTENCE.



IN THAT FAR GONE TIME, HYPERSPACE
TRAVEL WAS ONLY A THEORY IN THE MINDS
OF A FEW ADVANCED THINKERS.

THEN, ABOUT 20,000 YEARS BEFORE ANDUR
AND NOMI'S DAY, FASTER-THAN-LIGHT
DRIVES WERE INVENTED. OVERNIGHT A
GREAT DIMENSION, OUTSIDE ORDINARY
TIME AND SPACE, WAS OPENED TO
ANYONE WILLING TO TAKE THE DANGEROUS
LEAP INTO THE UNKNOWN.

THOSE ANCIENT EXPLORERS OF HYPERSPACE
ERECTED BEACONS BETWEEN THE STARS, AT
THE JUMP COORDINATES THAT WERE KNOWN
TO BE SAFE AND RELIABLE...



ANDUR SUNRIDER AND HIS FAMILY LIVE IN AN ERA WHEN THESE "SAFE POINTS" ARE STILL WIDELY USED--



--A TIME WHEN COMPLEX SPACEPORTS HAVE GROWN UP AT MANY OF THE "JUMP GATES" TO HOUSE AND SERVICE THE EVER-EXPANDING TRANS-GALACTIC TRAFFIC.



1 ONE OF THESE FLOURISHING HYPERSPACE TERMINALS IS LOCATED NEAR THE STENNESS SYSTEM ON THE RIM OF THE GALAXY.

THE STENNESS SYSTEM IS ON THE MINING FRONTIER.

THE SCUM OF THE GALAXY PASS THROUGH THIS STATION...ON THEIR WAY TO STEALING MINING RIGHTS FROM THE NEBBIES.

WHAT A DREADEFUL PLACE!

DREADFUL! INDEED! THE NEW VISITORS IMMEDIATELY BECAME THE OBJECT OF SCRUTINY BY CERTAIN UNSAVORY ELEMENTS WHO ROOST IN THE SPACEPORT.

HEY, BOSS... SEE THAT JEDI WITH THE WOMAN AND KID? I HEARD 'IM TALKIN' ABOUT SOME ADEGAN CRYSTALS HE'S CARRYIN'!

HAWK HAWK HAWK ADEGAN CRYSTALS! I HAVE A CLIENT WHO'LL PAY ME A GRAND SUM FOR THOSE PRETTIES.

GET THEM, GUYS. BUT WATCH OUT--HE'S A JEDI.

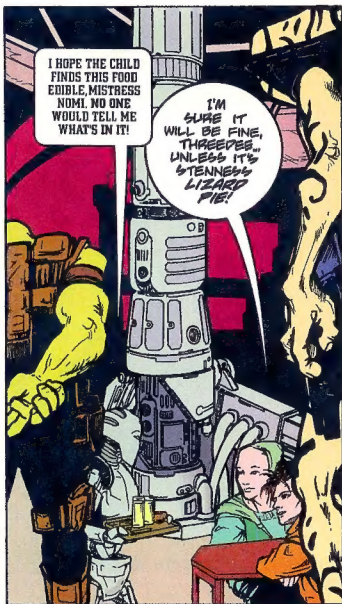
DON'T WORRY, BOSS... I'VE FACED A COUPLE OF JEDI IN MY TIME. I LEARNED A THING OR TWO.

OH GOOD HERE COMES THREEBEE WITH THE FOOD. LITTLE VIMA IS FINISHED.

OUR SHIP WILL BE CLEARED THROUGH CUSTOMS IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES...

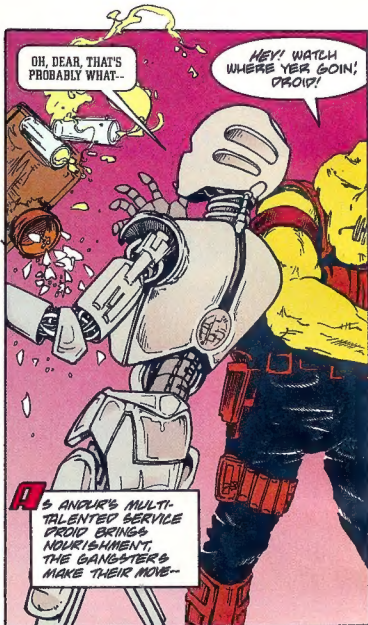
LET'S EAT QUICKLY. I'M ANXIOUS TO FIND MASTER THON.





I HOPE THE CHILD FINDS THIS FOOD EDIBLE, MISTRESS NOMI. NO ONE WOULD TELL ME WHAT'S IN IT!

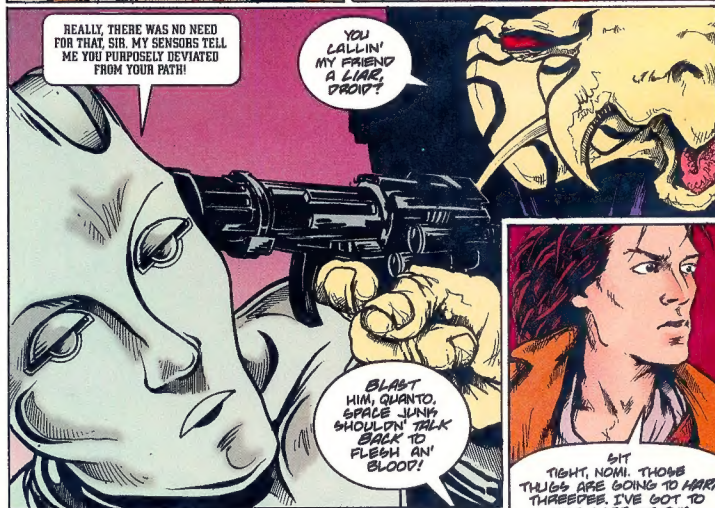
I'M SURE IT WILL BE FINE, THREEEES... UNLESS IT'S STENNESS LIZARD PIE!



OH, DEAR, THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT--

HEY! WATCH WHERE YER GOIN', DROID!

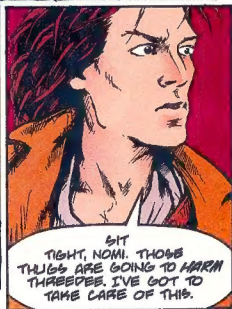
AS ANDUR'S MULTI-TALENTED SERVICE DROID BRINGS NOURISHMENT, THE GANGSTERS MAKE THEIR MOVE--



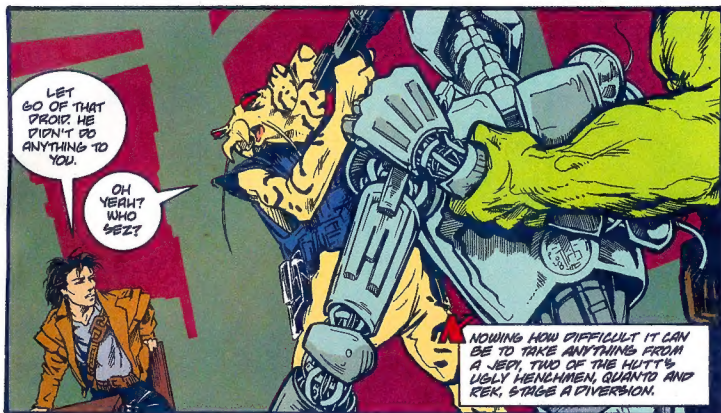
REALLY, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THAT, SIR. MY SENSORS TELL ME YOU PURPOSELY DEVIATED FROM YOUR PATH!

YOU CALLIN' MY FRIEND A LIAR, DROID?

BLAST HIM, QUANTO. SPACE JUNKS SHOULDN'T TALK BACK TO FLESH AN' BLOOD!



SIT TIGHT, NOMI. THOSE THINGS ARE GOING TO HARM THREEEES. I'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS.



--SOMETIMES THOSE
MISTAKES CAN COST
A JEDI HIS LIFE.

ANDUR!
ANDUR!

HE'S
DEAD! YOU'VE
KILLED MY
HUSBAND!

GET UP!
IF YA GIVE US THE
CRYSTALS, MAYBE THE
MUTT WON'T MAKE YA
A SLAVE ON HIS
SAILBARGE!

C'MON, LADY.
JUST HAND OVER THE
CRYSTALS, THEN YOU CAN
GIVE 'IM A DECENT
BURIAL IN SPACE... LIKE A
JEDI DESERVES.

HAR HAR

ANDUR!

DADDY

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OMI SUNRIDER DOES NOT HEAR THE THREATS OF THE GANGSTERS, AS THE SPIRIT-FORM OF HER JEDI HUSBAND SPEAKS TO HER FROM THE LUMINOUS BEYOND--

DON'T WEEP FOR ME, NOMI. THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR TEARS...

TAKE MY LIGHTSABER.. USE IT TO PROTECT YOURSELF! THE FORCE IS WITH YOU!

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HER MIND SUDDENLY STILLED BY THE SIGHT OF ANDUR'S LUMINOUS FORM, NOMI INSTINCTIVELY REACHES FOR THE LIGHTSABER--

AS THE LIGHTSABER IGNITES, SHE HEARS ANDUR'S VOICE WHISPERING INSTRUCTION--

"FEEL THE FORCE, NOMI... LET FLOW INTO YOUR ARMS..."

YES, THE FORCE IS THERE, STRONGER THAN SHE'S EVER FELT IT BEFORE... FLOWING AROUND HER AND THROUGH HER, FILLING HER WITH STRENGTH AND CONVICTION.

LOOKIT THE WAY SHE'S
HOLDIN' THAT LIGHTSABER,
GUDE.



THINK
MAYBE
SHE'S A
JEDI?

JEDI OR NOT
SHE'S DEAD LIKE
HER JEDI HUSBAND, IF
SHE DON'T GIVE US
THE CRYSTALS!



SHE'S NO JEDI. C'MON,
LADY... YA GOT A MILLISEC
TA LAY DOWN THE
LIGHTSABER.



OR YOU
AND THE LITTLE
KID ARE BANTHA
FOOD!

NOMI SLINKIPER, FORCE-SENSITIVE SINCE SHE WAS
A CHILD, HAS LONG RESISTED HER HUSBAND'S
SUGGESTION THAT SHE TAKE UP THE JEDI
TRAINING.

BUT NOW HER FEAR DISSOLVES, UTTERLY, AS SHE
LISTENS TO HER HUSBAND'S FINAL WORDS...

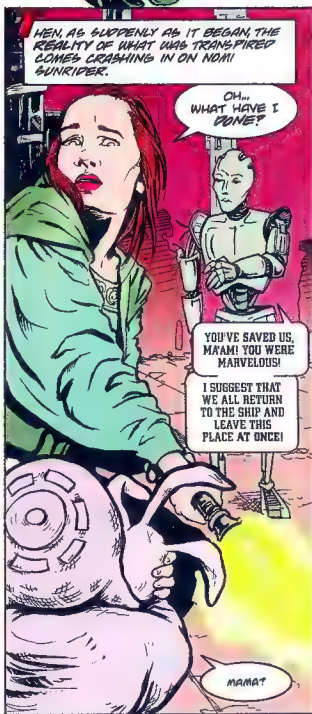
"THE FORCE IS STRONG IN YOU, NOMI. IT
ALWAYS HAS. IT ALWAYS WILL BE. PROTECT
YOURSELF... SAVE OUR DAUGHTER."

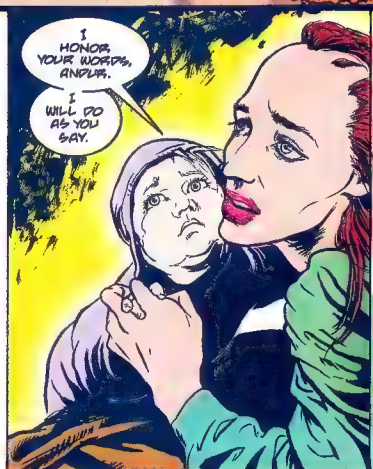
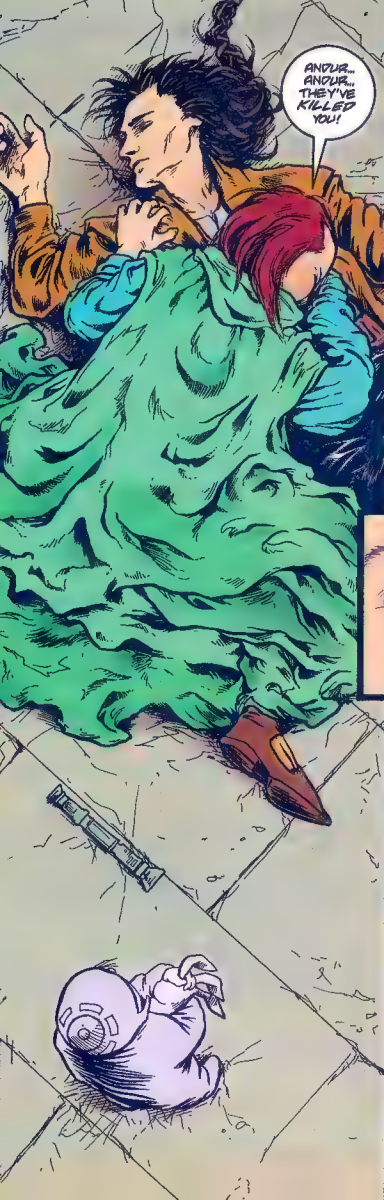


SHE
HALVED
GUANTO!

THE LIFE-ENERGY OF THE FORCE ROARS THROUGH NOMI IN A RISING WAVE, GUIDING HER HANDS IN A BRUTAL ACT OF SELF-DEFENSE...

NYAAA!



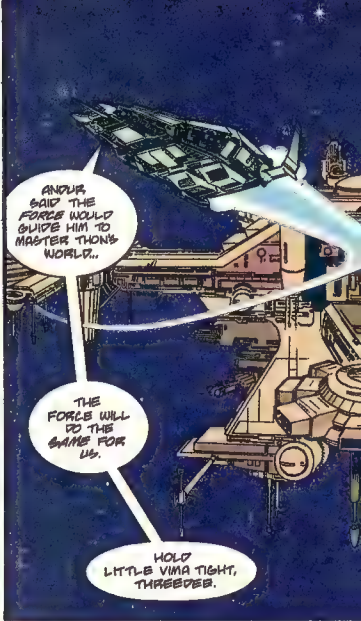




IS... IS
THE SHIP READY,
THREEDOB?

YES, MISTRESS.
THE LIGHTSIDE EXPLORER
INFORMS ME THAT IT IS
FUELED AND READY.

BUT THE NAVI-
COMPUTER IS ANXIOUS...
IT WANTS TO KNOW
OUR EXACT
DESTINATION.



ANDUR
SAID THE
FORCE WOULD
GUIDE HIM TO
MASTER THON'S
WORLD...

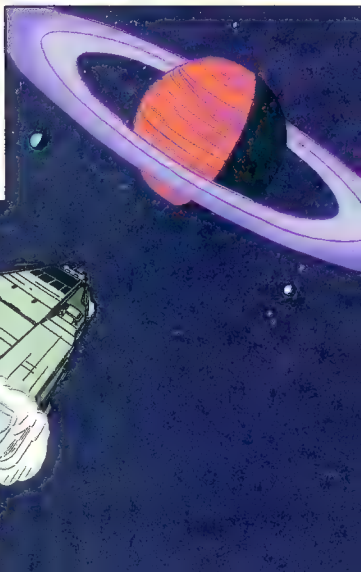
THE
FORCE WILL
DO THE
SAME FOR
US.

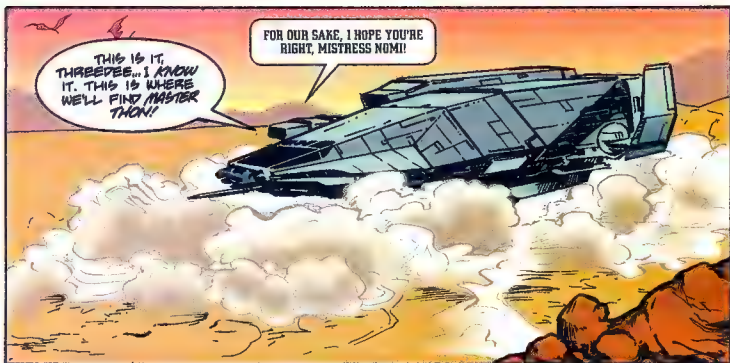
HOLD
LITTLE VIMA TIGHT,
THREEDOB.

BENLINED BY THE VIOLENCE THAT HAS TURNED
HER LIFE INSIDE OUT, ASSAILED BY FEAR AND
LONELINESS, NOMI SUNRIDER STRUGGLES TO
KEEP HERSELF ATTUNED TO THE FORCE.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, MASTER
THON'S DISTANT PRESENCE
STANDS OUT LIKE AN
INVISIBLE BEACON AGAINST
THE INFINITE STARFIELD.

HOMING IN ON THAT
HIDDEN BRIGHTNESS,
NOMI TRAVELS DOWN
INTO THE STENNESS
SYSTEM, COMING AT
LAST TO A GREAT
RINGED WORLD.





THIS IS IT, THREEDEE... I KNOW IT. THIS IS WHERE WE'LL FIND MASTER THON!

FOR OUR SAKE, I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, MISTRESS NOMI!



IN THE WIND OF THIS STRANGE WORLD THERE IS DREAM MIXED WITH HOPE...

THIS PLACE IS SO BLEAK... CAN SUCH A PISMAL WORLD BE THE HOME OF A GREAT YET! MASTER?

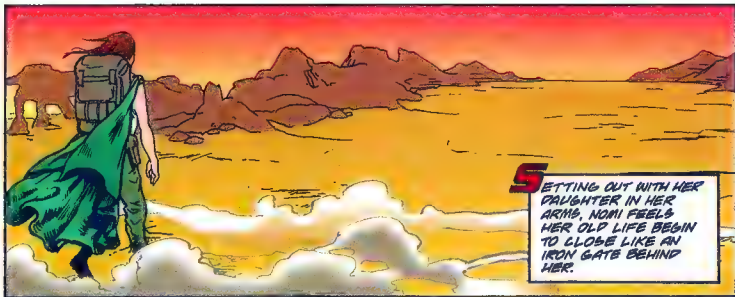


MISTRESS, IF I TREK WITH YOU ACROSS THAT DRY WASTE, MY JOINTS WILL SEIZE.

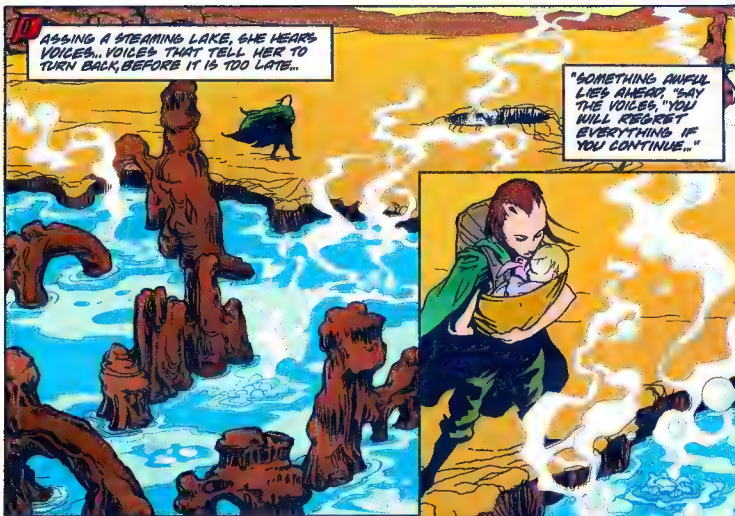
YOU'LL HAVE TO ABANDON ME TO CORROSION AND METAL-EATING PREDATORS... A TERRIBLE FATE FOR A DROID.

YES. TAKE CARE OF THE SHIP, THREEDEE. I'LL BE BACK IN A LITTLE WHILE...

...AFTER I HAVE GIVEN ANDUR'S GIFT TO MASTER THON... THEN WE WILL RETURN TO OUR HOMEWORLD.

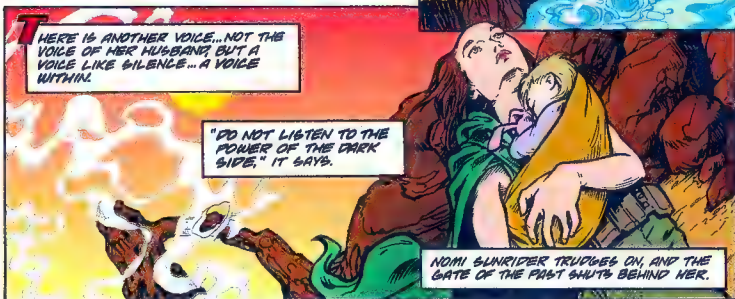


SETTING OUT WITH HER DAUGHTER IN HER ARMS, NOMI FEELS HER OLD LIFE BEGIN TO CLOSE LIKE AN IRON GATE BEHIND HER.



DASSING A STEAMING LAKE, SHE HEARS VOICES... VOICES THAT TELL HER TO TURN BACK, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE...

"SOMETHING AWFUL LIES AHEAD. 'SAY THE VOICES, 'YOU WILL REGRET EVERYTHING IF YOU CONTINUE...'"



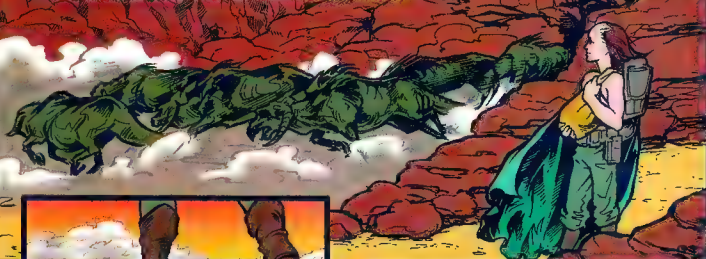
THERE IS ANOTHER VOICE... NOT THE VOICE OF HER HUSBAND, BUT A VOICE LIKE SILENCE... A VOICE WITHIN.

"DO NOT LISTEN TO THE POWER OF THE DARK SIDE," IT SAYS.

NOMI SUNRIDER TRUDGES ON, AND THE GATE OF THE PAST SHUTS BEHIND HER.

THE MOURNING WIND MERGES WITH THE SOUND OF A HORN BLOWING FROM AWAY OFF.

STRANGE GALLOPING CREATURES APPEAR, ANSWERING THE DISTANT CALL WITH HOOTING CRIES.

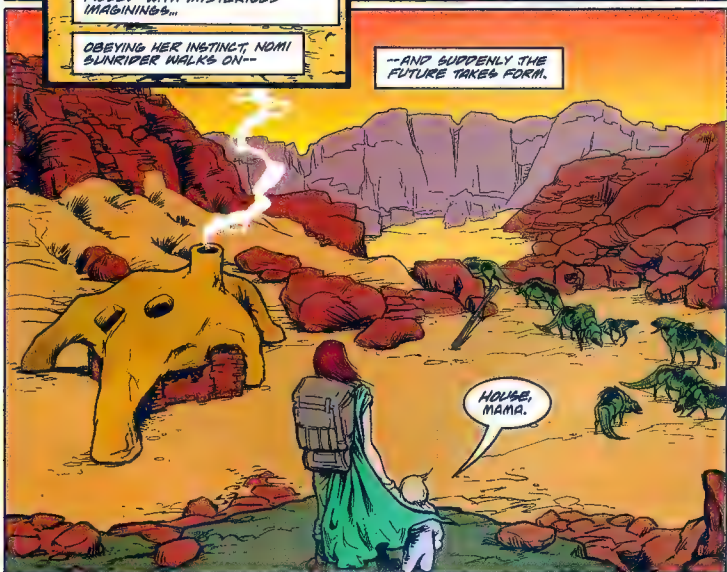


THE INNER VOICE SEEMS TO SAY: "FOLLOW THE CREATURES, FOLLOW THEIR TRACKS, THAT IS THE WAY TO MASTER THUN."

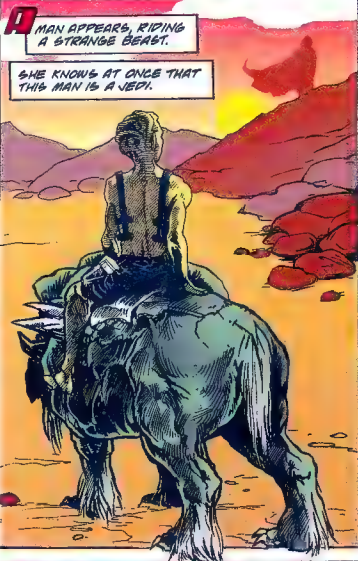
NOMI'S PAST IS RAPIDLY BECOMING A VANISHING MIRAGE. THE FUTURE IS YET UNKNOWN, FILLED WITH MYSTERIOUS IMAGININGS...

OBEYING HER INSTINCT, NOMI SLINKRIDER WALKS ON--

--AND SUDDENLy THE FUTURE TAKES FORM.



HOUSE,
MAMA.



A MAN APPEARS, RIDING A STRANGE BEAST.

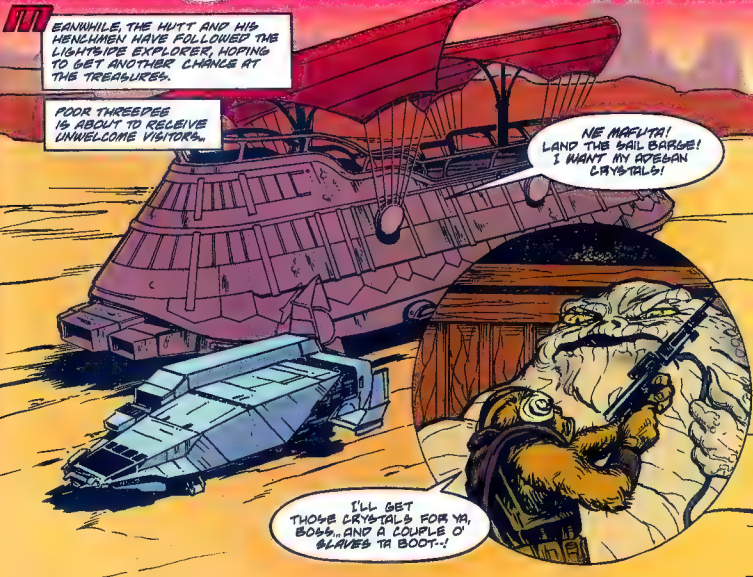
SHE KNOWS AT ONCE THAT THIS MAN IS A JEDI.



COME TO THE HOUSE. I HAVE FOOD FOR YOU AND THE CHILD.

TH- THANKYOU.

IN NAMI'S HEART THERE IS A FEELING OF SOMETHING OPENING... A CERTAIN LIGHTNESS... HOPE.

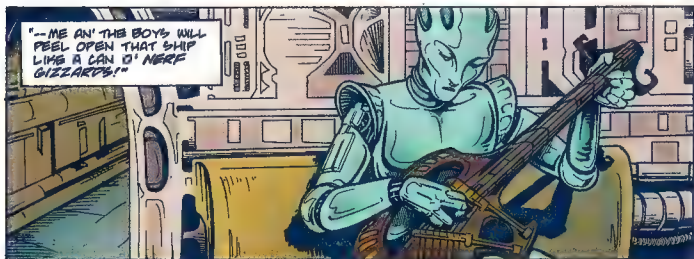


MEANWHILE, THE HUTT AND HIS HENCHMEN HAVE FOLLOWED THE LIGHTSIDE EXPLORER, HOPING TO GET ANOTHER CHANCE AT THE TREASURES.

POOR THREEPEE IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE UNWELCOME VISITORS...

NE MAFUTA! LAND THE SAIL BARGE! I WANT MY ADEBAN CRYSTALS!

I'LL GET THOSE CRYSTALS FOR YA, BOSS... AND A COUPLE O' SLAVES TA BOOT-!



Q AT THAT MOMENT, FAR ACROSS THE AMBERIAN WASTES, A JEDI KNIGHT SETS FOOD BEFORE HIS BESTIAL COMPANION...

...AND HEARS THE TERRIBLE TALE OF HIS GUEST...

ONE OF THEM HAD A VENOMOUS PET... IT ATTACKED ANDUR FROM BEHIND. BEFORE I KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, MY HUSBAND... WAS DEAD.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. HE WAS ALWAYS SO STRONG... HE TOLD ME THE FORCE PROTECTS A JEDI.

THE PROTECTION OF THE FORCE IS A MATTER OF ATTENTION.

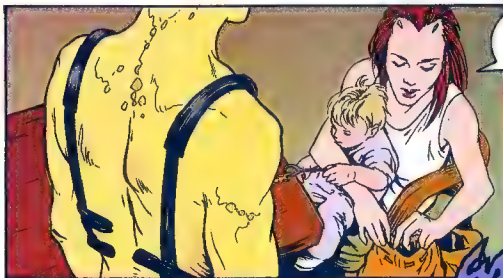
A JEDI CAN BE UNDONE IF HIS ATTENTION IS DRAWN AWAY FROM HIS ATTACKER.

OVER THE CENTURIES, SOME OPPONENTS OF THE JEDI HAVE LEARNED TO EXPLOIT THIS VULNERABILITY.

--WHAT HAPPENED NEXT, MAM?

SOMETHING CAME OVER ME... I FELT GREAT STRENGTH. I PICKED UP ANQURA'S LIGHTSABER...

THAT'S WHEN I KILLED TWO OF THE MURDERERS.



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AS THE JEDI EMERGES FROM
HIS HUMBLE HOUSE HE
FINDS A HUTT AND HIS
LACKIES HARD AT WORK...

HA
CHA KULLA!
WE'LL FEAST ON
STAGA MEAT
TONIGHT!

HUTT WORM!
HAVEN'T YOU GOT
ENOUGH EVIL
WEALTH? DO YOU
HAVE TO STEAL
MY HERD
TOO?



NTYAH!
JEDI!

THE HUTT'S HENCHMEN ARE
QUICK TO REPLY TO A
JEDI'S CHALLENGE...WITH
THEIR BLASTERS!



CHAI
SKO KULTA,
JEDI!

I
WOULDN'T BET
ON THAT!



THEY'RE
GOING TO KILL
HIM...JUST LIKE
THEY KILLED
ANOUA.

NYRRKNN

THE HUTT'S ENFORCER
STRIKES WITH BLIND
RAGE--

--BUT AS LIGHT GLANCES
WEEQUAY FLESH, THE
JEDI GOES DOWN!



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WITH THE UNSTOPPABLE
POWER OF A STORM,
THE GREAT CREATURE
BRINGS A QUICK END
TO THE CONFLICT--

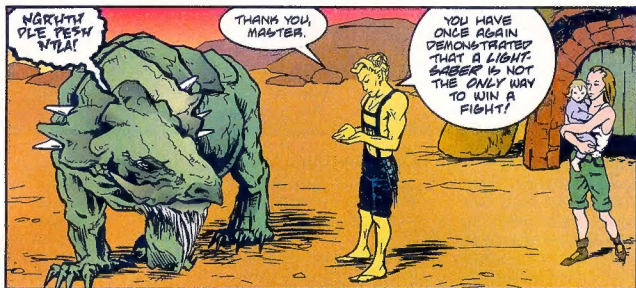
WYRRRR
OW
WRR
G!

THIS
AIN'T REAL!
THE BEAST IS
THROWING OFF SOME
KIND OF FORCE
FIELD!

WHA YA
JD! GET ON THE
SHIP! THIS IS NOT A
POWER WE CAN
FIGHT!

NORTH

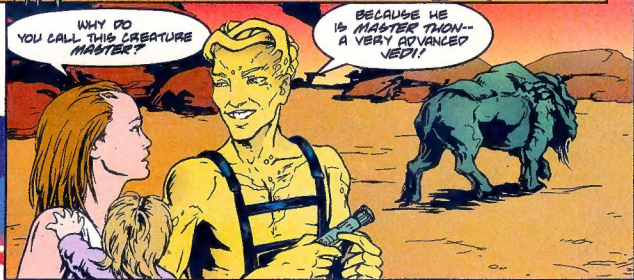




NGRTH
PLE PESH
NYAI!

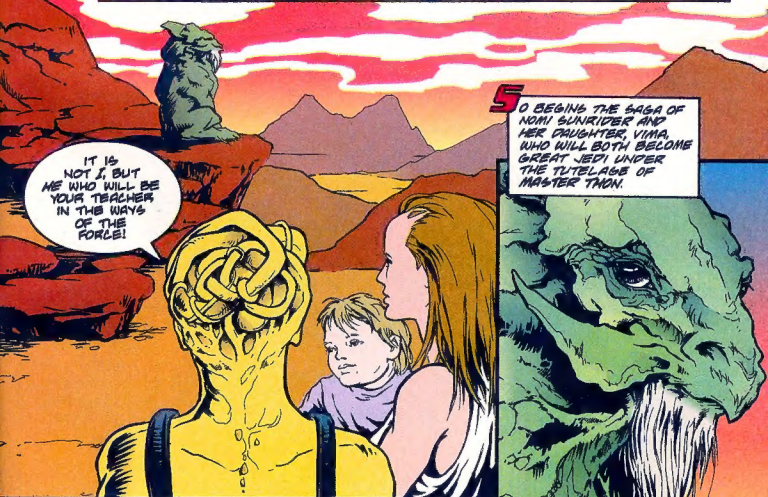
THANK YOU
MASTER.

YOU HAVE
ONCE AGAIN
DEMONSTRATED
THAT A LIGHT
SABER IS NOT
THE ONLY WAY
TO WIN A
FIGHT!



WHY DO
YOU CALL THIS CREATURE
MASTER?

BECAUSE HE
IS MASTER THON--
A VERY ADVANCED
VEDI!



IT IS
NOT I, BUT
WE WHO WILL BE
YOUR TEACHER
IN THE WAYS
OF THE
FORCE!

S O BEGINS THE SAGA OF
NOMI SUNRIDER AND
HER DAUGHTER, VIMA,
WHO WILL BOTH BECOME
GREAT JEDI! UNDER
THE TUTELAGE OF
MASTER THON.

NEXT: THE INITIATION OF A JEDI!

JEDI JOURNALS

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It is only a week and a half from the day Tales of the Jedi #1 went on sale, and the pile of mail on the series is considerable, to say the least! In the spirit of saying the least, I'll shut my editorial mouth for much of this lettercol and run as many excerpts from the (much appreciated) letters of comment.

...I just read *Tales of the Jedi* #1 and it was great. One thing that really caught my eye was how Dave and Chris drew the lightsabers. I grew up with them looking similar to flashlights with no noticeable features. Chris and Dave gave them a whole new personality.

Randy Szabadics
Holderness, NH

...Like Timothy Zahn, Tom Veitch really has a feel for the *Star Wars* universe, which I knew as soon as I read *Dark Empire*. The first issue of *Tales of the Jedi* was wonderful!

John Clifford
(Address not provided)

...I have just finished reading *Tales of the Jedi* #1. All I can say for the work is that it is wonderful. I have a question to ask: Is there any chance for a color portfolio of Dave Dorman's artwork for the covers?

Neal Bungard
Union, NH

Dark Horse doesn't have the rights to do a Star Wars portfolio, Neal. Dave and the kind folks at Lucasfilm are pursuing the idea, however. I'll keep ya posted!

...Dark Horse has done something that the previous *Star Wars* comics publisher had never done: brought the saga alive again! Tom Veitch has an understanding

of the *Star Wars* galaxy rivaled only by George Lucas himself.

David C. O'Brien
Cocoa Beach, FL

...How often do you converse with George Lucas and/or Lucasfilm about your work?

Michael Richards
Denton, TX

Very! Lucy Autrey Wilson and Sue Rostoni, our primary contacts at Lucasfilm, oversee virtually every aspect of production on this and all other series derived from Lucasfilm creations. In the case of particularly bold plot ideas, George Lucas himself steps in for some much-appreciated insight (and inspiration).

...We who are about to buy, salute you. Tom and Chris show brilliant originality while maintaining the style of *Star Wars*. I stand and applaud them and all the others who contributed to *Tales of the Jedi*.

David J. Humphreys Jr.
Pittsburgh, PA

...The illustrations are magnificent, especially on pages eight and ten. The story seemed to go on forever, and I didn't want it to end. I can't wait for issue two.

Daniel Center
South Nyack, NY

...I guess the Force is shining on *Star Wars* fans!

Ben Spaulding
Levant, ME

...Thanks for keeping the whole *Star Wars* thing around. It was getting really quiet for a while.

G. Mihara
(address not provided)

Pick up a pair of earplugs, "G"! Dark Horse, as well as Lucasfilm, intends on keeping this "Star Wars thing" very noisy indeed!

...I just picked up a copy of *Tales of the Jedi* #1. Wow! All I can say is wow! Great Work!

Michael J. McConnell
Clifton, NJ

...I have just finished reading *Tales of the Jedi* #1 and want to share some of my comments. I think the artwork and colors are very good, the same caliber that readers have come to expect from Dark Horse. But after re-reading the book, I was bothered by the fact that Ulic and Cay drew their lightsabers so quickly when the guards grabbed Tott. These are Jedi after all, and there are alternatives to fighting.

David Sentz
Baltimore, MD

You're right, David, and after Master Arca's lecture last issue, I'm sure Ulic and Cay know you're right, too!

...My compliments to colorist Pamela Rambo. As I go through *Tales of the Jedi* #1 and glance at the images, each page demonstrates a subtlety in coloring. Rather than blocks of color, to which I've grown accustomed, in most places colors fade very gradually into each other. The atmosphere colors are especially good, changing hue with height. This is a splendid effect!

Matt Bracher
Kent, WA

We couldn't agree more, Matt. Pamela's unique style contributes greatly to this, and future, Star Wars series.

...Dark Horse's expansion on George Lucas' *Star Wars* trilogy has been one of the most extensive as well as interesting follow-ups to a film or TV show that I can recall. While everybody's clamoring for George to work on the next three movies, my fix of Dark Horse comics is quite enough.

Joey Marchese
Union, NJ

...With an exciting, fast paced plotline, *Tales of the Jedi* took me on a breathtaking adventure thousands of years before the coming of the Empire. Excellent!

Janek Dichter
Amherst, MA

...The description of the Queen in *Tales of the Jedi* #1 got me thinking back to *Dark Empire* and the Emperor. Queen Amanoa looks older than her seventy years — could she be a dark side sorceress? Is she feeding on the energies of others to survive?

Kymm August
Long Beach, NY

Close, Kymm, very close! While Queen Amanoa was not a dark side sorceress, her ties to Freedom

Nadd allowed her to tap into that power. The Queen's death appeared to end the hold the dark side had over Iziz, but appearances, and the dark side, can be very deceiving!

...At first, I was a bit wary of *Tales of the Jedi. Star Wars* without Luke, Leia, Han, and the gang? Unthinkable! But *TOTJ* #1 has completely captured the magic and grandeur of the films while giving us new characters to get involved with. I can't wait 'til next issue, so I'll shut up now and go camp out on the doorstep of my local comics store.

Robert Knaus
Walpole, WA

P.S.: When is *Droids* due out?

Early May, with a three-part teaser starting in Dark Horse Comics #17 to whet your appetite.

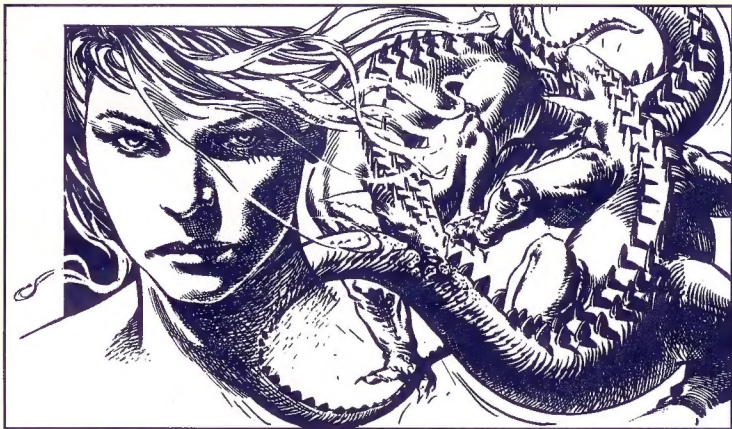
...Tom Veitch's script flows with the same fluid motions as the *Dark Empire* series. This new story is *brand new* — someone could read it without watching any of the films and be able to understand everything said and

done. Despite this, the average *Star Wars* fan can put on a tape of John William's theme and feel right at home! With the discovery of the Jedi Holocron, there exists a boundless supply of Jedi stories.

Robert Lucas
Grants Pass, OR

It is heartening to hear you and so many other Star Wars fans accepting "brand-new" stories, Robert. By creating new characters and situations whole-cloth, we can pursue dramatic possibilities that would be impossible if we based the series on characters and settings from the films. This period in the saga of the Jedi is virtually untouched, and thanks to Lucasfilm's support, Tom can expand upon it with a free hand. This doesn't mean that characters from TOTJ won't appear in projects like the sequel to Dark Empire (readers of that series will remember Vima Sunrider, who appears as a child in this issue). Tom has said to me many times, "It's a big universe," and thankfully everyone seems to enjoy exploring it as much as we do!

—Dan Thorsland



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